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For: **METHODS FOR AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING FUNCTIONS AT ANIMAL
PROCESSING FACILITIES AND SYSTEMS THEREFOR**

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AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO 12 JANUARY 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the 01/12/2006 Office Action in the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and arguments supporting allowance of the claimed subject matter. If any Extension of Time for this response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.